



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: South Carolina Newborn Screening Community

FROM: Jenny Meredith, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB)
SC DPH Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Director

SUBJECT: Relocation of Newborn Screening to New Laboratory

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) Newborn Screening Program will soon be relocating its laboratory and follow-up operations. Beginning **Saturday, October 10 through Friday, October 23**, the Newborn Screening Laboratory and Follow-Up Program will transition to the new **Public Health and Environmental Laboratory (PHEL)**, located at **8241 Parklane Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29223**. The new facility is situated directly adjacent to the current laboratory, allowing for a smooth and coordinated move.

DPH is committed to maintaining continuity of newborn screening services throughout this relocation. While we anticipate minimal disruption to testing and reporting, please be advised that the Newborn Screening Laboratory will **not** perform testing on **Saturday, October 17**. This temporary pause is necessary to support the safe transfer of staff, equipment, and instrumentation into the new space. We plan to resume testing on Monday, October 19, and will provide updates should any additional delays arise.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we complete this important transition. Our team is dedicated to ensuring that newborn screening services remain timely, accurate, and reliable throughout the relocation period. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Newborn Screening Program.

Please direct any questions to Beth Bair, M.S., Ph.D., Newborn Screening Section Director at bairea@dph.sc.gov; 803-896-0991.